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1. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ ON SEPTEMBER 10 SPOKE OUT BEFORE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR REACTOR TECHNOLOGY ON BEHALF OF SOVIET INTELLECTUALS. REFERRING TO SUPPRESSION OF POLITICAL AND SCIENTIFIC VIEWS, SCHUETZ SAID: "IN RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE WITNESSED THE SADDEST CHAPTER IN THIS CONNECTION... THE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SCIENTISTS AND WRITERS WHO ARE CITIZENS CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET UNION ARE FRIGHTENING AND CAUSE DEEP DISMAY. WE MUST FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF MEN LIKE PHYSICIST SAKHAROV AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER SOLZHENITSYN." HE ADDED: "WE HAVE ACTIVELY WORKED FOR DETENTE AND HAVE MADE OUR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO MAKING PEACE SAFER AND HAVE ALLEVIATED AND REDUCED TENSIONS AROUND BERLIN. BUT THIS IN NO RESPECT RUNS COUNTER TO MAN'S DESIRE FOR FREEDOM WHEREVER HE LIVES. THEREFORE ATTACKS AND WITH-HUNTS AGAINST MEN LIKE SAKHAROV AND SOLZHENITSYN AND MANY, MANY OTHERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHALLENGE OUR SOLIDARITY."

2. COMMENT: SCHUETZ'S CRITICISM WAS SOMEWHAT SHARPER THAN THAT OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT (BONN 13169), BUT LIKE BRANDT, SCHUETZ AVOIDED SUGGESTION THAT DETENTE WOULD SUFFER AS RESULT OF INTERNAL SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS.KLEIN

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